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SUBJECT: TOURISM ASSISTANCE IN RWANDA

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1. HODI, RWANDAN DESK OFFICER IN OFFICE OF COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT, INFORMED EMBASSY OCTOBER 1. THAT DECISION ON BELGIAN TOURISM PROJECT IN RWANDA STILL PENDING. ACCORDING TO HODI, REPORT OF EVALUATION MISSION WHICH VISITED RWANDA EARLY 1973 HAS BEEN IN OFFICE OF INSPECTOR OF FINANCES SINCE SEPTEMBER 9 AND IS EXPECTED TO GO TO SECSTATE FOR COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT PETRY IN ABOUT A WEEK. HODI ESTIMATED THAT PETRY WILL MADE DECISION ABOUT MID-OCTOBER. HE SAID PETRY STILL HAS RESERVATIONS ABOUT SUCH AID FOR RWANDA BUT NOTED THAT PREVIOUS SECSTATES HAD COMMITTED GOB TO TOURISM PROJECT. EXISTENCE OF THAT COMMITMENT COMBINED POLITICAL ATTENTION FOCUSED ON PROJECT DURING PRIME MINISTER LEBURTON'S MEETING WITH PRESIDENT HABYARIMANA AT GISENYE AUGUST 31 AND PETRY'S OWN MEETING WITH FONMIN NSEKALIJE IN BRUSSELS LAST WEEK, LEAD HODI TO BELIEVE THAT PETRY WILL APPROVE TOURISM PROJECT.

2. PROJECT CALLS FOR GRANT OF 150 MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS TO COVER INCREASE IN NUMBER OF ROOMS AT HOTEL DES DIPLOMATES IN KIGALI, PERSONNEL TRAINING, AND REHABILITATION OF GABIRO GUEST HOUSE AT KAGERA PARK. HODI UNCERTAIN WHAT OTHER ITEMS GOB MIGHT

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BE ABLE TO COVER WITH GRANT, BUT HE SAID ADDITIONAL FUNDS MOST

PROBABLY WOULD BE NEEDED TO BUILD PROPOSED HOTEL IN SOUTH OF KAGERA PARK AND REFRESHMENT STAND IN PARK'S CENTER.

3. HODI ALSO SAID THAT IN CONVERSATION ON TOURISM PROJECT TWO WEEKS AGO WITH FIRST COUNSELOR OF RWANDAN EMBASSY, HE HAD RECOMMENDED TO COUNSELOR THAT ROUND TABLE OF PROSPECTIVE DONORS IN TOURISM FIELD BE HELD AND THE INITIATIVE COME FROM GOR.

4. JAENEN, FONOFF DESK OFFICER FOR RWANDA, TOLD US OCTOBER 1 THAT BELGIAN-RWANDAN MIXED IOMMISSION ON AID WILL MEET SOON IN KIGALI, POSSIBLY DURING OCTOBER. JAENEN EXPECTED PETRY DECISION ON TOURISM NOT TO BE AFFECTED BY TIMING OF MEETING.

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